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BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY

Rockin' the 'Ville



Haven 21 played in the Student Senate-sponsored Battle of the Bands Wednesday night in the Conference Center. Each band was required to cover an '80s song in celebration of the 80th year

of Student Senate. A total of six bands performed as part of the Northwest Week activities. To read more about Northwest Week, please see 2A.

PHOTO BY KERRY JONES/CHIEF REPORTER

Alumna vies for the rose

Delta Zeta becomes 'Bachelor' contestant

By KARA SWINK
WEB LIAISON

"Will you accept this rose?" For Ginny Edwards, 25, the thought of receiving a rose at 5 a.m. from the handsome Andrew Firestone barely fazed her, especially after 19 hours of taping for ABC's hit reality television show "The Bachelor."

By that time, all the 2000 Northwest graduate and Kansas City native wanted was to remove the 3-inch, silver strappy heels that were killing her feet, peel off her formal dress and hit the sack.

"It sucked," Edwards said. On Wednesday's episode of "The Bachelor," 25 beautiful women stood before Andrew, the great-grandson of tire businessman Harvey Firestone and one of California's most successful leaders in winery and brewery enterprises. Today, the man, full of wealth and delicate charm, represents the Firestone Family Estates as a sales manager.

But for Edwards and the eligible bachelorettes, Andrew was a prince pulled right from a fairytale.

"He was cute, nice and very well-rounded," Edwards said. "He just had these light eyes. They were shocking. And you knew this was the way he was going to find his wife."

More than 8,000 women applied, and the selected contestants flew to Los Angeles with

the hope of carting home that last rose, a proposal and the heart of an unknown bachelor. On Wednesday, the finalists were finally introduced to Andrew, who later narrowed wishful thinkers to 15.

By dawn, the first rose ceremony was over, and many standing around Edwards had received a rose, but although her name wasn't called, she never lost her smile.

"It was a nerve-racking experience to say the least," she said. "Producers kept handing him three names to read at a times and kept dragging the whole thing out. It was horrible."

Earlier that evening, Edwards and all the participants received one-on-one time with the handsome bachelor. Andrew learned about Edwards's internship in London and discussed his mother's connection to England, and she later confessed that she felt a little uncomfortable.

"Stupid thing to say, 'I feel uncomfortable,'" she said laughing. "It was hard though. I didn't know what was going on or what he was thinking."

Yet even in the midst of her aching feet and sleepy eyes, in the back of her mind Edwards yearned to have "Ginny, will you accept this rose?" slip off Andrew's tongue.

But for Edwards and nine others who didn't make the next round, Andrew and the fairytale will stay a dream and become someone else's reality.

Since the cut, Edwards has not talked to anyone from the show but said Andrew was taking everything very seriously while (please see "Bachelor" page 6A)

Northwest enters program partnership

Missouri schools to offer joint graduate program

By PETE GUTSCHENRITTER
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

More than a year after President Dean Hubbard met with a University of Missouri system representative, collaboration between four state universities evolved Wednesday.

With the universities of Missouri-Columbia, Missouri-Rolla and Missouri-Kansas City being the major schools in the University of Missouri system, Hubbard has brought all of them to combine their programs with Northwest.

Steve Lehmkuhle, vice president of academic affairs for the University of Missouri system, came to Java City in fall 2001 to meet with Hubbard. And beginning next fall, Truman State and Central Missouri State universities along with the University of Missouri system will join forces to offer joint graduate programs.

"We said, 'You know, we ought to look at ways that we can collaborate to meet the needs and to capitalize upon the opportunities that exist for northwest Missouri,'" Hubbard said when reflecting on how the process began.

Graduate classes ranging from accounting, biology, geographic information systems and engineering technology will be launched at various sites throughout the northern half of the state.

"Our main focus is on people who can't come to the University, and they



Northwest president Dean Hubbard and Gary Gordon, Truman State University's vice president of academic affairs, take part in a press conference Wednesday. The press conference was to announce a partnership of six schools in a graduate program.

can't come to campus, live in a residence hall or rent an apartment," Hubbard said. "Non-traditional-type students make up the bulk of what we want to do."

Northwest currently has off-campus sites in St. Joseph, Kansas City, Chillicothe, Trenton and Kirksville. New collaborating sites could include Columbia, Rolla and Warrensburg.

However, the relationship among Missouri universities has not always been this cooperative, CMSU President Bobby Patton said.

"In the past, our institutions have

been, by and large, independent and, in many cases, competitive with one another," Patton said. "I think the by words that are going to be used now, due to the collaboration, is going to be 'cooperation.' All of the institutions here are committed to the needs of the students and the area of the state in which they reside."

One example of collaboration between the schools already exists. The criminal justice program is sponsored by CMSU, but Northwest has an off-campus

(Please see "Program" page 6A)

Report summarizes budget problems

Education cuts remain a hot topic among state legislators

By KARA SWINK
WEB LIAISON

&
PETE GUTSCHENRITTER
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

With Missouri's budget situation up in the air, many elements have been highlighted as problems within the state.

State representatives and professionals have researched problems coming from the Hancock Amendment.

The Hancock Amendment is an artificial cap on the growth of state revenue, said Ray Courter, vice president of Finance. The formula includes information from the department of revenue and the office of administration at the state level.

However, Courter said, the problem spans further than just blaming the Hancock Amendment.

The number derived from the formula is the budget's limit for each fiscal year.

The amendment gives legislators an estimate of revenue, but it does not impact the budget's deficit, Courter said.

"The Hancock lid has really no real impact on today's budget situation," Courter said. (Please see "Budget" page 6A)

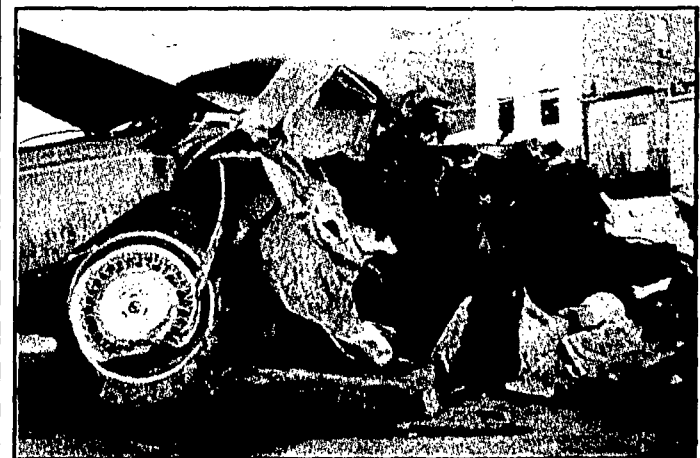


PHOTO BY KARA SWINK/WEB LIAISON

James Anderson, 22, of Ludlow, Mo., was killed Wednesday morning in a one-vehicle car accident. Anderson's car sits behind Boyle's Body Shop.

Accident claims student's life

By KARA SWINK
WEB LIAISON

Single red roses held by miniature teddy bears lie beside a yield sign at the intersection of highways 71 and 136 for a Northwest student killed in an automobile accident Wednesday morning.

University officials confirmed that James Anderson, 22, of Ludlow was killed in the one-vehicle accident.

According to Maryville Public Safety, the accident happened around 10 a.m. Wednesday.

Public Safety has not released what caused the accident or Anderson's death.

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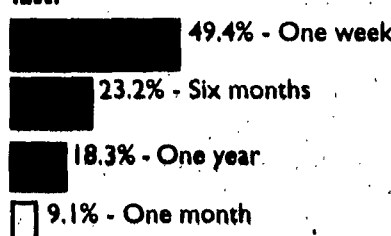
He will reveal all in this week's Ask Julian.



For a review of Colin Farrell's latest movie "Phone Booth," check the Buzz Friday.

Poll question:

How much longer do you think Operation Iraqi Freedom will last?



This week's poll question:

What was your favorite part of Northwest Week?

- Battle of the Bands
- Pizza eating contest
- Pancake feed
- What's Northwest Week?

Crowds gather to support troops, comfort those left behind

BY MARK EUSTON
CHIEF REPORTER

Nearly 200 people crowded around the Bell Tower March 28 to show support for the U.S. troops currently serving in the Middle East.

The students huddled together and listened to speeches from President Dean Hubbard, Campus Ministries Representative Marjean Ehlers and Senior Class President Tiffany Barmann.

Carol Cowles, assistant vice president for student affairs, said the gathering served several purposes, including supporting the troops.

"One of the things the event was focusing on was to support the troops in general," Cowles said. "However, the event was also held to support all members of the Northwest family, including those international students who were far from home."

Also attending the gathering were several people who did not support the war effort. However, Cowles said their attendance was a good thing.

"A lot of people were there that did

not support the war, but it was good that they came and showed support for the troops," Cowles said.

She also said that no matter a person's views about the war, every one should support the troops overseas.

"People make decisions on how they will pay for their education," Cowles said. "Some students that serve in the military had obligations to leave, and we, as a Northwest family, need to support them."

Some students that have family and friends serving in the Armed Forces said that the gathering offered some comfort for them.

"It was great to see all the people out there showing support for our troops," said Mark Holthaus a student who attended the gathering. "I know that if my friends who are in the Middle East right now could see all of the support they are getting, they would really appreciate it."

Northwest student Aaron Switzer agreed.

"When you have friends in the military it makes you feel a lot better about what they are doing when you see people support them," he said.



PHOTO BY ALLIE ZAROOR/MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER
Tyler Sward, freshman, comforts Gretcheyn Nothouse, freshman, during the peace gathering at the Bell Tower on Friday. Northwest sponsored the gathering to show support for the Northwest family and all troops fighting in Iraq.

Alumnus to join reporters during wartime efforts

By PETE GUTSCHENRITTER
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

As journalists continue to travel to Iraq for coverage on the ensuing war, one Northwest alumnus could be on his way.

Steve Rhodes, a 1993 graduate, works for NBC affiliate WTHR-Indianapolis as a news photographer, and he has had opportunities to cover the war.

Thanks to the embed program that was introduced by the government, many outlets have spent time with various military units. Rhodes and his crew were close to teaming up with a unit in Turkey three weeks ago.

"We were supposed to be there three weeks ago, and that fell through," Rhodes said. "Then we were supposed to fly out last week, but that fell through, too."

Then, another opportunity came from NBC headquarters. Rhodes's team was offered a spot with an infantry unit based in Iraq that would have left this week.

"We decided not to go because we didn't have enough information about it, and there were too many holes," Rhodes said. "We've been through all of the training, and we should have been there by now. But right now, we're out in the cold."

Rhodes began his journalism career as an editor on *Tower*. After working on the publication for two years, he served as editor in chief of the *Heartland View*.

"I think it was a great experience," Rhodes said when reflecting on his times at Northwest. "Laura (Widmer) was a mentor of mine, and she got me in the right direction."

Widmer is the adviser for *The Northwest Missourian* and *Tower*.

"He's made me so proud," Widmer said. "He's received the National Press Photographer award twice. I've looked at his stuff, and it's just incredible."

As the war with Iraq surges on for the third consecutive week, Rhodes said he has watched "more coverage than normal."

"From a technological view, it's incredible how they are able to show live pictures of tanks moving across Iraq," he said. "To have reporters virtually living with the troops, it is incredible."

With 24-hour news stations covering the war around the clock and different video cameras traveling throughout Iraq, Rhodes said it could become a problem.

"(Television stations) have the toys and the machines, but sometimes it becomes a video game to see who has the fanciest equipment. And you can lose the fact that there are families that have soldiers over there."

Northwest family members involved in Operation Iraqi Freedom

Name:	Hometown:
Mark Corson	Maryville, Mo.
Jon Follett	Port Angeles, Wash.
Jeffrey Green	Clarksville, Tenn.
Don Hadley	Fort Carson, Colo.
Alan Hargreaves	Raytown, Mo.
William Henry	Carson, Iowa
Robert Hoskins	Woodlawn, Tenn.
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Andrew Stanley	Gower, Mo.
Kate Streifling	Walla Walla, Wash.
Patrick Tarczynski	Indian Trail, N.C.
Stephen Terry	Independence, Mo.
Alicia Ward	Brock, Neb.
Milton Wick	Gladstone, Mo.
Marci Wilkins	Drexel, Mo.
Kimberly Woodhouse	Round Rock, Texas

My View

Take time to remember those fighting for citizens' freedom



TAYLOR BARNES
UNIVERSITY PROVOST

As we move into our third week of Operation Iraqi Freedom, we're reminded daily that freedom certainly isn't free. Having spent more than twenty years in uniform, I'm very much aware that freedom costs human lives, both combatant and non-combatant. It also costs economically, socially, politically and militarily. No one is immune from the effects of this war of liberation, rich or poor, rural or urban, student or worker. It affects us all!

At Friday's Bell Tower observance, President Hubbard, Student Senate Senior Class President Tiffany Barmann and Marjean Ehlers, a representative for Campus Ministries spoke eloquently about the role our 23 Northwest current students and faculty/staff members are performing in supporting our war efforts. Extending this involvement to our extended family by including alums, we would have hundreds involved in preserving freedom for all of us. In their book *Towers in the Northwest*, Dr. Virgil and Delores Albertini talked about the turbulent Middle East and the unrest it caused many of our Northwest family. And that was 50 years ago!

As we go about our busy lives, let's ensure we take the time to say a prayer for our Northwest students, faculty and staff who are protecting our right to be free. Regardless of how we personally feel about this war we are engaged in, we certainly are concerned for the safety and morale and welfare of our troops, all of them.

'Support Our Troops' rally to take place at county courthouse

A "Support Our Troops" rally will be held on the Nodaway County Courthouse lawn on Saturday beginning at 10 a.m.

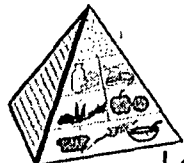
Organizers for the event stress that the rally is not being held in support of or in protest of the current war in Iraq.

"We think it is very important, regardless of how we personally feel about this war, to show some support for our troops," organizer Carla Wetzel said. "Whether we think the war is right or wrong is not the point. We just want to show our support of our local men and women who are doing the best job they can for us and our country."

The principal speaker will be Col. Ted Bittner of Kansas City, a veteran of the previous Gulf War, who will talk about what it is like from the perspective of the soldier and how important support from home was to him. Other speakers are also planned.

The event will be held near the Nodaway County veterans' memorial. For more information, call (660) 928-3324.

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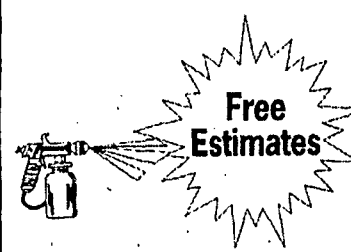
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Monday April 7th

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Sorority Ultimate Frisbee
3pm @ IM fields
Zeus and Hera
6pm @ Charles Johnson
Theater
Capture the Flag
@ Bell tower following Zeus
& Hera

Tuesday April 8th

Fraternity Ultimate Frisbee
3pm @ IM fields
Battle of the Sexes
7:30pm in Boardroom

Wednesday April 9

Assassination begins 8:00am
Pizza Eating Contest
12pm-3pm @ Bell tower
Kickball 2pm @ IM fields
Greek Sing 6pm @ MLPAC
Free Throw Contest 8pm TBA

Thursday April 10

Chalk Draw 11am-2pm @ Bell Tower
Tricycle Race 2pm @ Roberta
Chariot Race 4pm
Greeks Gone Wild Concert
Featuring Hey Larry, Prank Monkey,
& Mile 29 6pm-10pm MLPAC
Sand Volleyball Tournament
2pm-5pm @ Beal Park Finals @ 5pm

Saturday April 12

Greek Feast
11am @ College Park
Olympiad
1pm @ College Park

Sunday April 13

Greek Week
Awards Ceremony
7pm MLPAC
(pin attire)

Our View

Vote 'yes' for Proposition B

New constitution that aims to better serve the Northwest student body deserves support

In celebrating its 80th year as a student organization, it goes without saying that the members of Northwest's Student Senate have done an exceptional job of upholding the standards and respectability of an organization vital to students both on and off the University campus.

Unfortunately, a number of students fail to recognize this fact as well as the importance of the organization that represents them by making decisions that bear a direct effect on the entire student body.

While this may be due to a number of reasons unrelated to Student Senate including rampant campus apathy, other reasons most often cited by students in and out of Northwest's Student Government Association is a lack of connection between Student Senate and the students themselves. While Student Senate meetings are open to the public, few attend, often because agenda items, as well as governmental procedures, are of little student interest.

However, Proposition B, a newly written constitution written, petitioned and proposed by Northwest Student Senate and non-Student Senate members, promises to do away with the disparity between Senators and students themselves through a complete structural reorganization.

This proposed structure, much like the U.S. Constitution, is comprised of three governmental branches, including legislative, executive and judicial branches, each designed to keep one another in check to ensure a job well done in order to serve students in the most effective way possible.

Other features beneficial to the student body include reforming the Student Body president's position so that he or she may act as a liaison between students and Senate, ensuring student voices will be heard. While there's no denying that Northwest's Student Body president currently, as always, has strived to serve the students by speaking as their voice to the administration, issues pertaining directly to students are rarely addressed. As an executive branch, business procedures would be handled by the president, freeing up meetings for more important items, hopefully garnering further student interest.

These promises, which must be upheld if the proposed constitution is selected by the Student Body during a vote scheduled for the week of April 15 on WebStar, will not only benefit the student body immensely but also the senators who work hard to represent them. While Student Senate's current constitution is rich in tradition and most certainly gets the job done, change may serve to be even more beneficial.

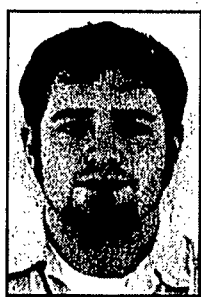
We at *The Northwest Missourian* urge the Northwest student body to carefully examine both constitutions that will soon appear in their University e-mail accounts as well as to attend an upcoming forum held to discuss the benefits and drawbacks of each. Upon close examination, the positive benefits of Proposition B will result in better communication, heightened interest and a brighter future not only for Student Senate, but, most importantly, for the students they serve.

Corrections

In the March 27 issue in the story "Students seek to overhaul constitution," the position of secretary will be eliminated, not treasurer.



The Fire this Time



JED MURR
MISSOURIAN COLUMNIST

Citizens should take action in support of troops

Since the war on Iraq began, the ringing "Support Our Troops" mantra has been everywhere. And when hundreds of thousands of our young men and women are ordered to risk their lives in war—even an illegal and immoral war—I agree, we should all support them.

Of course, as everyone knows, no one supports our troops more than President Bush; that's why he spoke so lovingly to them in Florida last week.

But the current administration's support for our troops isn't anything new.

In fact, George W. Bush, Dick Cheney, Paul Wolfowitz, Richard Perle, John Ashcroft and many others

in the administration were even supporting the troops way back in Vietnam when they fully supported the war while their daddies made damn sure they didn't have to go.

The Bush administration was also supporting our troops when it proposed cutting nearly \$200 million from impact aid programs, which provide education funding for children of military men and women. And they supported our troops when they watched the Republican-controlled House Budget Committee vote to cut \$25 billion in veterans benefits over the next decade and when they ordered the Department of Veterans Affairs to stop publicizing the health benefits available to veterans.

But all that support pales in comparison to the support the administration is now showing our troops in Iraq by sending them to fight a war that will make them and us the targets of terrorism; in fact, even U.S. officials say the war is already being used as a "very effective" recruiting tool by al Qaeda.

Perhaps the most touching way the Bush administration is supporting our troops right now is by making them use depleted uranium (DU) weapons against Iraq. Sure, DU weapons are considered illegal weapons of mass destruction under international law. Yes, DU contaminates the land on which it's used, causes serious health problems (including cancer) among the soldiers who use them and leads to birth defects in their children. And it's true the incidence of cancer among Iraqi civilians has increased nearly 10-fold since the Gulf War. But still, I think we can all agree that our leaders are supporting our troops by making them use DU weapons.

And, as we are well aware, one of the best ways to support the troops is

by lying to them. To get our soldiers into this war, the Bush administration pretended their mission would be a simple and beautiful liberation with the people of Iraq lining the streets to welcome our soldiers. The reality, of course, is a nightmare with dozens of our soldiers and around 500 Iraqi civilians already dead (as of this writing, March 30). The war only seems to be worsening.

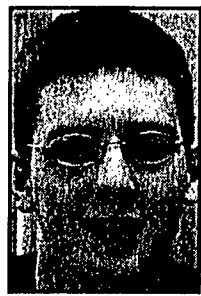
Of course, the truth is that most of the Bush administration only supports our troops as tools for their war games—war games that make their war-profiteer friends very rich and may even ensure that the administration stays in power for another term. With that in mind, I don't think I want to support our troops the way the Bush administration does.

Instead, as the son of a Vietnam veteran and as a citizen, I think I'll find other ways to support them. I support not sending our troops to illegitimate wars. I support making sure they get good job training so that life outside the military is possible. I support making sure they aren't left destitute and homeless, as so many of them are right now. I support making sure their children are taken care of after they come home—especially since a recent study of Gulf War veterans showed that 67 percent had children with major health problems. I support listening to veterans groups like Veterans for Common Sense while the president ignores them. And I support making sure that the military isn't disproportionately populated by disadvantaged and minority Americans.

But right now, more than anything, I support our troops in the same way that Military Families Speak Out (www.MFSO.org) supports our troops, by asking that they be brought home from this disastrous war. As one of the group's founders says, this kind of support is about "getting 250,000 troops, Iraqi civilians and the world out of harm's way."

Your View

How do you feel about the new proposed Student Government constitution?



"I think it's a good idea because we are modeling the United States government, and that has been around for so long, and it's worked well."

RYAN WILLIAMS
DIETETICS



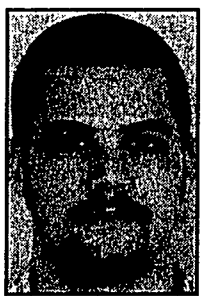
"The more say the students have is for the better since I pay so much money to go here anyway."

AARON SWITZER
BROADCASTING



"I see Northwest as an extended family, and I feel we should all have an equal opinion here. I think it's a good idea for the change."

ANTHONY JACKSON
ART



"I think it's a good idea for the change because it would allow more opinions, and it would give us all a bigger voice."

JOHNNY RAYHEL
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"To respond in on last week's Backtalk, there's plenty of skim milk in the Union. I drink it all the time."

"Does anybody else feel like there are always a million high school kids running around? And honestly, why do they really need to eat in the Union? Send them to McDonald's."

"This is a service announcement for you people. You might want to put it in your paper and let people know there are ninjas roaming the campus. Now you may not see them because they hide in the shadows, but they are disrupting the chi of me and several other students on this campus. Please—okay, I gotta go. I'm dead serious. I gotta go."

"Yeah, I got something to say. First off, I got a little problem with the lunch ladies. I just wanna know, can they be any more not friendlier? I don't know if that makes sense, but they choose that occupation. They don't need to bring me down while I'm just trying to get a chicken quesadilla. I don't feel it, they don't feel me. Just take my card and maybe throw me a smile sometime. I don't need the look, and I don't want the look."

Letters to the Editor

Former Student Senator cautions campus voters regarding Proposition B Constitution

As a former student senator, I want to express my concern about the proposed sweeping changes to the Student Government constitution.

While some people may remember me on the Senate, I had no part in writing this or getting it proposed. I personally do not support this constitution, but I'm not going to force my opinion on anyone. I just want to tell everyone to think very carefully about this before they place their vote, and don't simply take the word of

a silver-tongued petitioner who tells you what you want to hear. This is not the way to make a sweeping change. This is an attempt at a coup, and it should be viewed in that context.

If you carefully consider this new constitution and you support it, fine. But please, make an informed decision.

ANDREW SAEGER '02
ST. JOSEPH

Student urges Northwest's support for proposed school improvement bond

I was recently asked to write a letter voicing my opinion as a college student about the upcoming bond issue, Proposition 2, concerning Eugene Field Elementary School and the Maryville High School. Having been a student of both schools, I am writing this letter giving my thoughts about how important it is that this proposition pass in the upcoming election April 8.

Because Maryville is a university town which has a strong education department, we have been fortunate to have an abundance of excellent teachers to pick from who

are well-trained. The Maryville R-II schools strive to make sure their students are prepared to continue on to college, technical school or to be a contributing member of society.

It is a disappointment for our buildings to be substandard when we rise above many other school districts in all other categories. Children spend more waking hours in their classrooms and school buildings than they do in their own homes. Providing safe, adequate and comfortable rooms for younger students who are attending a structured environ-

ment for the first time is very important. Some students who struggle academically feel art or music class is a place to achieve. These subjects are just as important and need equal space and support.

The University and community have always worked together to make Maryville a great place to grow up and live, so now is the time to show some support. Please vote yes for Proposition 2 on April 8.

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Calendar of Events

Thurs. 3rd ■ GED, 7:50 a.m., 120 Wells

Hall
■ **Celebration Tour**
■ **Theatre: "Erogenous Zones,"** 7:30 p.m., Charles Johnson Theatre
■ **New Nodaway Humane Society sandwich and salad luncheon,** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., First Christian Church

Fri. 4th ■ GED, 7:50 a.m., 120 Wells Hall

■ **Celebration Tour**
■ **Theatre: "Erogenous Zones,"** 7:30 p.m., Charles Johnson Theatre
■ **Shepherd Center meeting,** 10 a.m., First United Methodist Church
■ **St. Gregory Church rummage sale,** 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., St. Gregory School

Sat. 5th ■ Curriculum and Instruction comprehensive exam

■ **MBA comprehensive exam**
■ **Dance concert,** 7:30 p.m., Mary Linn Performing Arts Center
■ **St. Gregory Church rummage sale,** 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., St. Gregory School

Sun. 6th ■ College of Education and Human Services Honors banquet

■ **College of Arts and Sciences honors convocation**

Mon. 7th ■ Greek Week

■ **Zeus and Hera talent show,** 6 p.m., Charles Johnson Theatre
■ **12th annual mid-America elementary and secondary art teachers juried exhibition opens,** 7 p.m., DeLuce Fine Arts Gallery
■ **IM co-rec pillo polo entries close,** noon
■ **Tower Yearbook pictures,** 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Student Union

Tues. 8th ■ Greek Week

■ **Week speaker,** 6 p.m., Union Ballroom
■ **IM co-rec 2-on-2 basketball begins**
■ **DARE graduation,** Maryville Middle School
■ **Lion Tamers Anonymous,** 7 p.m., Laura Street Baptist Church
■ **Tower Yearbook pictures,** 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Student Union

Wed. 9th ■ Greek Week

■ **Teacher Placement Day**
■ **Greek Week Greek sing,** 4 p.m., Mary Linn Performing Arts Center
■ **Tower Yearbook pictures,** 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Student Union

Thur. 10th ■ Greek Week

■ **Movie night,** 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., First Christian Church

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It's time to put together the 2003-2004 University calendar. Please inform the office of University Relations of events planned for the 2003-2004 academic year.

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218 Administration Building
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For each entry include:

Name of Organization or Department
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Date, time, location
Contact person, with phone and e-mail

Entries must be received by Thursday, May 1. Call extension 1143 for more information.

BIRTHS

Sydney Paige Maness

Melissa Maness, Guilford, is the mother of Sydney Paige, born March 24 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

Her maternal grandparents are Rick and Robin Pedersen, Guilford.

Maternal great-grandparents are Murray and Shawn Rhodes, Kansas City, Kan.

Anthony Michael Railsback

Tina and Don Railsback, Maryville, are the parents of Anthony Michael, born March 19 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Tony Groumoutis, Creston, Iowa, and Alike Mastrocovi, Queens, N.Y. Paternal grandparents are Linda and Michael Railsback, Kansas City, Mo.

Maternal great-grandparents are Triandaphali Groumoutis, Tripoli, Greece. Paternal great-grandparents are Jim and Pat Orr, St. Louis, Mo.; Frank and Marie Klemm, St. Louis; and Edward and Wil Railsback, Hamilton, Mo.

Delainey Diane McIntyre

Phillip and Marcie McIntyre, Ravenwood, are the parents of Delainey Diane, born March 26 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Burton and Darlene Messner, St. Joseph. Paternal grandparents are Ronald and Brenda McIntyre.

Maternal great-grandparents are Lillie Wilkinson, Clarksdale, and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Messner, Stanberry.

Paternal great-grandparents are Brice and Phyllis Brunk, Savannah.

Bryson Kyle-Robert Rose

Brent and Melanie Rose, Savannah, are the parents of Bryson Kyle-Robert, born March 26 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces and joins one brother, Brandon, and two sisters, McKenna and Tori.

Maternal grandparents are Bob and Marla Ross, St. Joseph. Paternal grandparents are Brenda Kirk, North Kansas City, Mo., and Darrell and Jo Rose, Belton.

Maternal great-grandmother is Helen Jarvis, St. Joseph. Paternal great-grandparents are Regina Rose, Belton, and Evelyn Lair, Breckenridge, Mo.

Aidan Robert Williams

Adina Williams, Eagleville, and John Bennett, Bethany, are the parents of Aidan Robert, born March 25 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Kerry Cox, Eagleville, and James Williams, Osceola, Iowa. Paternal grandparents are Phil and Tammy Bennett, Bethany.

Maternal great-grandmother is Esther Gorden, Lamoni, Iowa. Paternal great-grandparents are Wilburn and Mary Lou Bennett, Bethany.

DEATHS

Janice McElroy Fisher

Janice McElroy Fisher, 65, Clearmont, died Wednesday, March 26 at her home.

She was born March 10, 1938, to Flossie Douglas in Marysville, Kan.

She is survived by her husband, Ronald; three sons, Bob, Jack and his wife Patty, and Dick and his wife Patty; two daughters, Rhonda Everhart and Ladonna Bensyl; two stepdaughters, Lila Fisher and Susie Ryder; one half-brother, Albert Douglas; one half sister, Carol Phillips; and eight grandchildren.

Services were held Monday, March 30, at Price Funeral Home Chapel in Maryville. Burial was at Ohio Cemetery in Burlington Junction.

PUBLIC SAFETY

March 12

■ Wilma J. Miles, 69, Maitland, was westbound on West First. Peitha M. Rush, 76, Maryville, was northbound on Munn, attempting to cross West First. Lindsey A. Thorson, 18, Leland, Iowa, was eastbound on West First. The Rush vehicle failed to yield to the Miles and Thorson vehicles. The Miles and Thorson vehicles struck the Rush vehicle.

March 17

■ An officer served a Buchanan County warrant on Joni Bird, 27, Parnell, for failure to appear. She was issued a summons and released after posting bond.

■ Lois J. Farnan, 69, Ravenwood, was traveling north on South Main. Sarah M. Cluff, 17, Hopkins, was pulling out of a private drive in the 1600 block of South Main. The Cluff vehicle struck the Farnan vehicle.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville male that someone had taken several power tools and a generator from a building in the 100 block of East Fourth.

■ An officer received a report of children left unattended in the 100 block of East Third. Upon arrival, Jolene D. Linville, 20, Maryville, was issued a summons for child neglect.

March 20

■ Athen B. Jones, Maryville, was parked in a private parking lot in the 1100 block of East Fifth. An unknown vehicle struck the Jones vehicle and left the scene.

March 22

■ Anthony D. Johnson, Maryville, was parked in a parking lot in the 1600 block of South Main. An unknown vehicle struck the Johnson vehicle and left the scene.

■ Nichole R. Kelmel, Maryville, and Deloris A. Heflin, Maryville, were parked in the 100 block of East Thompson. The Kelmel vehicle began to roll backwards, striking the Heflin vehicle.

March 23

■ An officer served an Andrew County warrant on Travis W. Smock, 25, Maitland, for failure to appear. He was issued a summons and released after posting bond.

March 25

■ Fire units responded to a vehicle accident north of Wilcox on Highway 71. Upon arrival, the vehicle's engine compartment was smoldering and leaking fluids. The engine compartment was smoldering and leaking fluids. The engine compartment was extinguished and oil dry was applied to the fluids.

■ An officer received a report of two children left unattended in the park in the 700 block of East Third. The children's mother was located in the 600 block of East Second. The case was referred to the Division of Family Services.

■ Carley L. Growcock, 20, Maryville, was northbound in the 300 block of North Market. Stephanie A. Bial, 20, St. Joseph, was stopped at a posted stop sign on Fourth Street. The Bial vehicle entered the intersection of Fourth and Market. The Growcock vehicle struck the Bial vehicle.

March 26

■ Units responded to a fire in the 23000 block of Highway EE. Upon arrival, the home was partially engulfed. The fire was brought under control and extinguished. The cause of the fire is unknown.

■ An officer served a Maryville Municipal warrant on Jami C. Caldwell, 35, Mound City, for failure to appear. He was issued a summons and released after posting bond.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville male that his daughter's bicycle had been taken from the 100 block of South Laura.

■ Officers received a report of a loud party in the 300 block of North Mulberry. Upon arrival, Nicole M. Getz, 19, Maryville; Lindsey Davis, 20, Maryville; Ashley A. Willis, 18, Maryville; Brian R. Duering, 20, Maryville; and Donald R. Kaiser Jr., 19, Maryville, were issued summonses for minor in possession. Steven A. Yapple, 22, Maryville, was issued a summons for permitting a peace disturbance.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville male that his vehicle had been damaged while parked in the 1600 block of South Main.

March 27

■ Douglas W. Parker, 45, Worth, was in the turning lane heading north on South Main. Sean M. Hutchinson, 17, Elmo, was traveling southbound on South Main. The Parker vehicle began to make a left turn into a private drive. The Hutchinson vehicle struck the Parker vehicle. Parker was issued a summons for careless and imprudent driving.

■ An officer served a Maryville Municipal warrant on John P. Dotson, 22, Independence, for failure to appear. He was issued a summons for failure to appear and released after posting bond.

March 28

■ An officer assisted Liquor Control in the 300 block of North Main. Ezra D. Smith, 18, Maryville, was issued summonses for under 19 in a bar and

minor in possession.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville female that she was receiving harassing phone calls at her place of business in the 100 block of South Main.

■ Benjamin Endicott, 72, Maryville, Esther M. Roush, 50, Worth, and Jill K. Throener, 18, Maryville, were traveling north on South Main. The Throener vehicle was slowing for traffic. The Roush vehicle was traveling behind the Throener vehicle, slowing for traffic. The Endicott vehicle struck the Roush vehicle, causing the Roush vehicle to strike the Throener vehicle. Endicott was issued a summons for careless and imprudent driving by striking another vehicle in the rear.

March 29

■ While on patrol in the 400 block of North Buchanan, an officer observed a vehicle without its driver's side headlamp illuminated. The vehicle was stopped in the 200 block of West Fourth. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Zachary J. Ingels, 20, Maryville. While speaking with him an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform some field sobriety tests, which he could not successfully complete. He was arrested for DWI after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued summonses for possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to display lighted lamps on a motor vehicle.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville female that her vehicle had been damaged while parked in the 300 block of West Sixth Street.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville male that someone had thrown eggs at his vehicle while it was parked in the 200 block of West First Street.

■ While responding to another call in the 700 block of North Fillmore, an officer observed two male individuals who appeared to be under the age of 21. Kelly J. Stiens, 20, Maryville, and Brandon M. Kreps, 18, Hopkins, were issued summonses for minor in possession.

March 30

■ Officers received a report of a fight in the 300 block of North Main. Upon arrival, Adam L. Weldon, 23, Maryville, was issued summonses for affray and resisting arrest. Justin L. Dredge, 22, Maryville, and Colby L. Schwieter, 20, Shelbina, were issued summonses for affray.

■ While on patrol in the 200 block of West Fifth, an officer observed a fight. Brandon T. Kelley, 19, St. Joseph, and Howard L. Robertson Jr., 21, St. Joseph, were issued summonses for failure to comply. A check of DOR records revealed a Buchanan County warrant for Robertson for probation violation. He was issued a summons for wanted on warrant and released after posting bond.

■ An officer served a Maryville Municipal warrant on Bruce W. Woodward, 46, Maryville, for failure to appear. He was issued a summons and released after posting bond.

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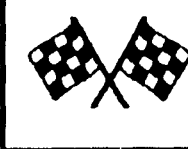
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Current dean sticks with position

By SARAH SWEDBERG
CHIEF REPORTER

Northwest's Booth College of Business and Professional Studies will not have to look for a dean until next fall.

After a 30-day search to find a qualified person to fill the dean position Ronald DeYoung currently holds, he decided to stay for one more year.

Originally, DeYoung wrote a letter to Provost Taylor Barnes last July stating his decision to step down from his dean role.

"At the time, I thought it was a good time for the University and for me to look for somebody new," DeYoung said. "I was not ready to retire yet. I was going to relinquish this position and teach full-time."

However, as the school year developed, DeYoung discovered the many difficult decisions the University and his college would have to make regarding a budget.

Barnes asked DeYoung to reconsider his decision of leaving a couple of weeks before spring break.

DeYoung said his plans now are just to stay until July of 2004.

DeYoung said he felt that during this time of budget cuts, the college's five-year annual reviews, current improvement projects and filling faculty positions, he needed to serve the University and oversee these situations.

Mary Throener, director of human resources and member of the dean search committee, said she is delighted that DeYoung chose to stay.

"I think that Dean DeYoung has a strong sense of service not only to his college but to the University," Barnes said. "I think that he felt that he could best serve the University by continuing in his current position rather than going back to the faculty."

DeYoung said he enjoys his job,

and he said it is always nice to be needed and wanted.

"You really need to get up every morning and really enjoy doing what you are doing, and, for the most part, I do," DeYoung said. "All of my life, ever since graduate school, I get up and come to school. I don't get up and come to work."

Last week, Barnes gathered the dean search committee together to tell them the news.

Now, Barnes will send a letter to all the applicants telling them that the search process has stopped and that the incumbent is going to stay another year.

The applicant pool includes approximately one internal candidate and six external candidates, all of which were highly qualified, Barnes said. He will also encourage all of them to look for an announcement early next fall.

"What we will do early next fall is keep the same committee and reconvene," Barnes said.

Freshman fun



PHOTO BY JENNY LEWIS/MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER

Northwest faculty advisers meet in the Union Ballroom Wednesday afternoon to discuss Freshman Seminar. The meeting informed the advisers of new ideas proposed for the class, which is offered to incoming freshmen.

Budget from 1A

Report summarizes Missouri budget problems

"It's just a piece of information that is a part of the landscape, but it's not really preventing allocations of money."

One of the problems the economy is facing is unemployment. According to Courter, about 25,000 jobs have been lost over the last two years.

Brad Lager, 4th district representative, said there are several problems the state is facing.

"We have to prioritize our spending," Lager said. "The state is doing several things wrong, and we're doing a few things right. We need to follow the constitution. We need to fund debt first, then we need to concentrate on education."

Elementary, secondary and higher education has been the main concern for educators across the state. Of the \$7 billion allotted budget, \$2.4 billion goes to education according to Jim Moody, author of "Missouri's Budget Problem."

"For better or for worse, elementary and secondary education has been treated as not (able to be cut)," Moody said.

Higher education funding comes from the discretionary money, which

is money that can be cut.

"About half of the discretionary money goes to higher education," Moody said. "When budget cuts come, the first place they tend to go is higher education. Why does that happen? Because higher education gets half of the discretionary dollars."

David Gruber, professor of philosophy at Truman State University, said the report by Moody had very striking information.

"The Moody report paints a dire picture of where (the Missouri budget) might be going," Gruber said.

After the higher education budget cuts in the 2002 fiscal year, Courter said something could have been done by state legislators.

"I feel like the depth of study (for education by the state) has not really occurred to understand the cuts," Courter said. "I think the cuts have been more in a political reaction mode rather than a thoughtful, more fact-based mode. What higher education has experienced has been a little tough on all of us."

One of the problems the state has faced are over-crowded prisons. During 2001, the population of inmates

grew at a rate of 3.59 inmates per day. Gov. Bob Holden proposed a total increase of more than \$39 million to meet the average increase of more than 29,000 inmates in the state according to the report.

"We like to lock people up," Gruber said. "After that, it's hard not to ask the question, 'Is Missouri cheap?'"

That is a question a lot of people may have. While Courter was at a legislative convention, he asked a legislator about the amount of taxes to support a quality education.

"A legislator stood up and said, 'Missouri is a low-tax, low-service state,' Courter said. "It accurately sums it up... That comment agrees with the statistics I have seen."

Moody's final thoughts focused on policy makers and across-the-board cuts. Moody believes cuts will need to be applied to every program in order to reach a future level of funding.

Courter agreed with Moody that people in the state of Missouri cannot focus solely on one aspect of the Missouri budget and call it the problem.

"It's been a hell of a problem, quite frankly," Courter said. "There's not just one problem you can point at. I think that's been the hardest problem."

Bachelor from 1A

'The Bachelor' brings 15 minutes of fame

she was there, and she has heard he's very much in love.

"Of course I was disappointed. I didn't go into this thinking I was going to get married. I just didn't want to be cut the first round," Edwards said. "When it got around to it, I didn't really care, but now that I'm back waiting tables in Kansas City, I do wish I'd gotten a rose."

Looking back, Edwards still remembers that cold day in November when she and her roommate drove to the casting call in Independence for fun.

Edwards actually wanted her roommate to be on the show and finally convinced her, saying, "Why not? It will be fun. I'm a huge fan anyway."

That day, hundreds had turned out for the audition, and instead of one-

on-one interviews, both women were placed in front of a camera and told to talk for two minutes about anything.

"What I talked about I don't remember," Edwards said. "I don't think it was anything too great."

Nevertheless, it was that two-minute discussion that turned into a phone call from one of the show's casting directors a few weeks later telling her she had exactly what they were looking for.

"It was hysterical. I kept thinking 'I'm not going to do this,'" she said. "But I realized this doesn't happen everyday, and although I got kicked off during the first round, it was totally worth it."

While at Northwest, Edwards was active within her sorority, Delta Zeta, and graduated with a public relations

degree.

Mike Johnson, director of alumni relations, remembers Edwards and said he was excited to hear she had been named a finalist. He said someone finding true love on a reality TV show, however, resembles "a pie-in-the-sky dream."

In May, Edwards will return to Los Angeles where the reunion show will be taped. She's excited to go back and see everyone but hopes next time the trip home won't be as hard, she said.

"I didn't think coming back from L.A. the first time would be so hard," she said. "But it's gotten better since people recognize me. I swear, at work, I've told my story like 12 million times already. It's pretty humorous."

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Program from 1A

Joint graduate programs shows promise for Northwest

site on the Missouri Western State College campus as another outlet for students.

Gary Gordon, vice president of academic affairs at Truman State, said the amount of students at each university may vary.

"The need (for collaborating programs) won't necessarily be large numbers at any given place," Gordon said. "But through the kind of offerings that we can produce in working together, we will be able to serve the

students that are there, the numbers that are there, in ways that will both meet their needs and allow us to maximize our resources."

Northwest has had a long-standing relationship with Truman State, stemming from a site that was established in Kirksville for a master's program in education.

Northwest, Truman State, CMSU and the University of Missouri system will begin to coordinate classes for the fall trimester

next week.

Representatives from the universities will meet in Kirksville April 9 and 10. Provost Taylor Barnes will be representing Northwest at the two-day meeting.

"We will begin to advance and solicit interest and contact different interest groups in a systematic fashion in all of these communities to see what the interest level is and put together the package," Hubbard said.

By GINNY FRANCIS
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Northwest academic departments merged together Saturday for a day long celebration of student achievements at the Celebration of Quality symposium.

The Presidential and Martin Luther King Jr. Scholars sponsored the 9th annual symposium for undergraduate and graduate students to share their work with the University and community.

Laura Pearl, a graduate student, represented the English department by reading poetry and 20th century fic-

tion. Pearl thinks students should utilize any resource for recognition.

"This is a great opportunity for the University to see what students are doing in their classes and also for students to be able to share their work and be recognized," Pearl said.

A large portion of the symposium was dedicated to oral performances by the English and theatre departments.

Empirical studies focusing on diabetic dining, autism and calcium consumption were on display from the family and consumer sciences department. The art department also displayed photographs and paintings.

In order to participate in the symposium, students must either be nomi-

nated by their professors or apply to have their work presented.

Faculty members then act as mentors for the students before their presentation by shaping their work into presentable material.

Nancy Mayer and Steve Shively, both from the English department, coordinated Saturday's events.

"When I nominate a student I look for something that goes beyond an 'A' paper, something that has a spark of originality," said Mayer.

The Northwest Culture of Quality provides a grant for the symposium, which funds its publicity and activities throughout the day.

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Flower power

By MONICA CALDWELL
FEATURES EDITOR

Although flower arranging has taken on less of a symbolic meaning in America, flowers, as well as herbs, have been a part of cultural rituals throughout history. In addition, many flowers have an emotional connotation associated with them.

Many people today either are not aware of the symbolism of flowers or are just focused on the appearance of the arrangement instead.

"Usually people don't care. They just want to send something pretty," said Tonya Wilmes, owner of Emily's Flower Shack. "Once in a great while (someone will ask), and it's usually a guy who will come in. A lot of times we'll get calls: 'What's the jealousy flower?'"

Brought about by Constantinople in the 1600s and flourishing during the Victorian era from 1837 to 1901, the language of flowers became a way to communicate between loved ones.

Ikebana, the Japanese art of flower arrangement, originated over 600 years ago through a Buddhist ritual from China. The arrangements traditionally represent earth, the sky and man based on harmony of nature and aesthetic ideals. Since its beginning, the art form has

progressed to include arrangements to honor the dead and is a national pastime of people of all ages throughout the country of Japan.

Flowers have taken on a voice of their own around the world, primarily in marriage celebrations to protect the newlyweds from adversity and bad luck. Caribbean bridal bouquets often contain hibiscus to ward off bad omens, and in India, the mother of the groom showers the couple with petals to guard them from evil.

However, cultures have other standards for rituals and floral gift giving as well.

In Russia, flowers must be given in odd numbers to a living person because even numbered bouquets are customary for funerals.

For the Korean New Year, girls put three carnations in their hair and tell their future through the order of death. If the top flower goes first, the girl will have demanding later years, death of middle flower signifies challenging youth and early adulthood, and a wilted bottom flower predicts misery throughout the girl's life.

Hawaiian legend holds that the lehua blossom is sacred to Pele, the fire goddess, and that visitors to the volcano Kilauea, Pele's home, should refrain from wearing any to avoid being caught in volcanic showers.

Besides these, there are also the more common associations such as passion and a red rose or luck and a four-leaf clover. Whatever the case, when words are inadequate, flowers have the power to say it all.

Blossom glossary

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| ■ Amaryllis: Pride and timidity | ■ Marigold: Comforts the heart, grief, cruelty, jealousy and sacred affection |
| ■ Baby's Breath: Everlasting love, happiness and pure in heart | ■ Narcissus: Egotism, formality, stay as sweet as you are, you love yourself too well and self-esteem |
| ■ Crocus: Cheerfulness, abuse not | ■ Oleander: Caution and beware |
| ■ Daffodil: Respect, regard, unrequited love and deceit | ■ Peony: Shame, bashfulness, anger and indignation |
| ■ Eucalyptus: Protection | ■ Rosemary: Remembrance, commitment and fidelity |
| ■ Forsythia: Anticipation | ■ Sunflower: Loyalty, haughtiness and you are splendid |
| ■ Gardenia: You are lovely, secret love, refinement and joy | ■ Tulip: Fame, charity and perfect lover |
| ■ Hydrangea: Frigidity and heartlessness | ■ Violet: Modesty and faithfulness |
| ■ Iris: Faith, hope, wisdom, valor, eloquence and my compliments | ■ Wisteria: I cling to you |
| ■ Jasmine: Amiability, wealth, grace and elegance | ■ Yarrow: Health and healing |
| ■ Lavender: Devotion, distrust | ■ Zinnia: Thoughts of friends |

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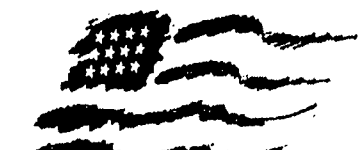
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More than just muscle

There is more to senior John Sipes than just homeruns

By COLE YOUNG
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Stat	No.	Team rank
Runs	27	3rd
Homeruns	7	1st
Sig. pct.	.733	1st

Seven homeruns, 28 hits, 27 runs, .373 average.

Many players in college baseball hope for these kind of numbers, but for senior John Sipes, these numbers are a reality.

The power-hitting third baseman has become the most dangerous hitter on a Northwest baseball team poised to make a run in the MIAA regular season.

Sipes's leadership, along with his offense, has helped the Bearcats to a 20-6 record along with a 7-1 conference record.

"John is one of those guys who comes to the ballpark ready to play each day," senior catcher Mike Ruff said. "He makes it clear that he wants to play and it spreads throughout the team."

Northwest fans knew Sipes was a good hitter when he batted .374 last season and hit eight homers, but his offense during his senior campaign has come as a surprise to many.

"I'm just seeing the ball really well," Sipes said. "I haven't seen as many good pitches since we have gotten to the conference season, but it's all about just being patient and waiting for the right pitch."

When the opposing pitcher finally does give him the right pitch, it has proved to be painful for them. Sipes has already hit seven homeruns on the season, including one in the Armstrong (Ga.) Invitational he describes as "about 450 feet."

"They come when they come," Sipes said. "They always say homeruns are a mistake by the pitcher, but when they come around, I take advantage of it."

The presence of Sipes in the lineup hasn't just helped him. Ruff, who bats in the spot ahead of Sipes, almost always gets good pitches to hit, which likely accounts for his low number of walks, only nine this season.

"I definitely think I get more pitches to hit," Ruff said. "Having a great hitter like Sipes behind me who is on fire right now definitely makes it easier to hit."

But Sipes's role on the team includes more than being a homerun hitter. He leads the team in walks as well as being second on the team in RBIs, hits and stolen bases.

"Offensively, we look to him as a leader," head coach Darin Loe said. "When he hits the ball, it goes a long ways. He does a good job of driving in runs and has been a big part of our offense."

If one element of Sipes's game has taken flight in addition to the long ball, it has been his hitting in clutch situations.

"John has been swinging the bat really well all year," Loe said. "As of late, though, he has turned into a clutch hitter. We'd like to see him keep getting the big hits."

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Senior third baseman John Sipes has developed himself to become one of the leaders of this year's Bearcat baseball team. Sipes has helped lead the team to one of its best starts in team history.

Low on experience, but high on talent

Northwest defense must replace lost graduates on front line, secondary

By BILL KNUST
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Spring football:
Week 2

Next week: A recap of tomorrow's scrimmage.

While the quarterback competition has grabbed most of the headlines for the Northwest football team's spring practices, there are also vacant spots to be filled in the defense.

The task is more imposing considering the numbers the defense put up last season. They allowed only 98 yards rushing a game, 2.8 yards per carry and 190 yards a game through the air.

Those numbers were good enough for the 'Cats to have the No. 2 ranked rushing and passing efficiency defense in the MIAA. Northwest was also first in the MIAA in scoring defense allowing only 14.6 points per game and No. 2 in total defense.

The area that was hit the hardest by graduation was the defensive line. Gone are three starters, Mike Sunderman, Justin Bowser and Seth Giddings.

"I think the major challenge is going to be the defensive line," head coach Mel Tjeerdma said. "Especially in the inside, we lose Giddings and Bowser. That's a battle there, but we got some guys that have really stepped up. The spring will tell us a lot about that."

The 'Cats do return defensive linemen that have seen extensive time. Senior-to-be Josh Honey saw action in 12 games playing on the interior. He racked up 29 tackles on the inside, including seven tackles for a loss and five sacks.

Also back are sophomore Mike Tiehen and junior Justin Lacy. (Please see 'Defense' on page 2B)



Sophomore pitcher Jacqui Handlos releases a pitch during the Bearcat's 5-4 win over Washburn in game one Tuesday. Handlos picked up her ninth win of the season in a seven inning effort against the Lady Blues.

Hornets snap Bearcats' win streak in conference action

Northwest and Hornets combine for 59 runs in two games in Emporia

By COLE YOUNG
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

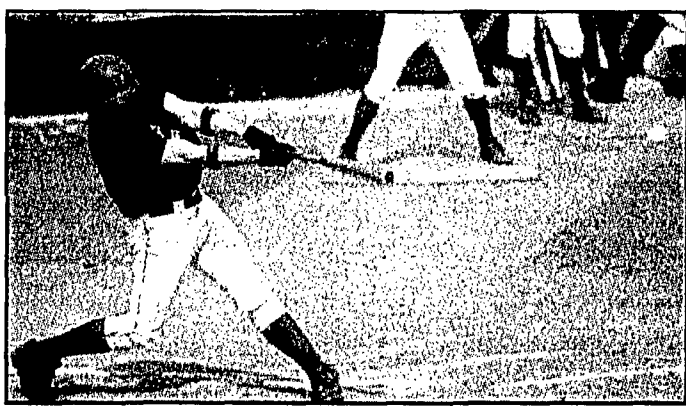
Baseball fans got their fill of offense in an MIAA matchup between Northwest and the Emporia State University Hornets.

In the two games, the schools scored a combined 59 runs.

The Bearcats gave up a 10-0 lead en route to losing 16-14.

The second game saw Northwest put together a 12-run third inning on the way to a 22-7 win.

On Monday, Northwest



Junior designated hitter Andrew Donovan singles in game one of a doubleheader against Lincoln University Monday. The Bearcats took game one 10-1 and game two 8-4.

played host to the Blue Tigers of Lincoln University in a make-up doubleheader.

After falling behind 1-0 in the first, Northwest caught fire in the second inning scoring five runs.

Sophomore Kyle Gallagher got the rally started for the Bearcats by hitting a double that knocked in both junior David Dugan and senior John Sipes. The scoring barrage stayed alive when redshirt freshman Pat

Whitt and senior John Bothoff each knocked runners in. Whitt would later score on a wild pitch.

In the third inning, Dugan and Sipes would again make it home to run the score to 7-1.

The Bearcats were held scoreless in the fourth but were able to tack on three runs in the fifth as well as five more in the sixth. Northwest came away with a 15-1 win.

Junior Jeremy Teter kept his spotless record in tact by picking up the win. The victory improves his record to 4-0.

"We're getting some good pitching," head coach Darin Loe said. "We also are seeing guys in the lineup start to step up and hit the ball."

In the second game, things didn't start out as easily for the 'Cats. (Please see 'Baseball' on page 2B)



NW 14
ESU 16
wp - Barker
lp - Rust
Key stat - The 'Cats give up a 10 run lead.

NW 22
ESU 7
wp - Anderson
lp - Halverson
Key stat - 'Cats score 12 in third inning.

Walk off grand slam highlights 'Cats' victory

Spring's blast helps team in split with Washburn

By CLARK GRELL
SPORTS EDITOR

One might have thought the Bearcat softball team was doomed in game one of the doubleheader against Washburn University Monday.

After all, the Bearcats trailed 4-1 in the bottom of the seventh inning and were going against the MIAA's Pitcher of the Week in Katie Gregg.

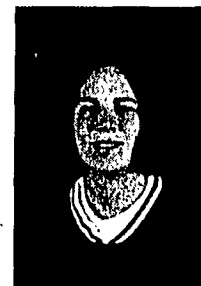
But the Bearcats, and junior Megan Spring in particular, changed that quickly. With the bases loaded, Spring made enough contact with a Gregg pitch to get it over the right-field fence for a grand slam

homerun. It was Spring's only hit of the game.

The homerun helped the Bearcats prevail in a 5-4 victory over the nationally-ranked Lady Blues.

"You never think homerun," Spring said. "I just thought anything to get people in. I just started to hit the ball hard."

Freshman Katy John started the spark in the seventh inning, with a single to center field. (Please see 'Softball' on page 2B)



MEGAN SPRING Leads the team in homeruns (3) and RBIs (19).

Track teams prepare for home invitational against 15 other teams

First of two meets at Rickenbrode to take place this weekend

By RYAN DELEHANT
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Last year's team champions will return to Rickenbrode Stadium Saturday as the Bearcats prepare to host the

2003 Northwest Invitational. The Truman State University women and the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse men look to defend their Northwest Invitational championships against 16 teams expected to participate this Saturday.

"Last year's winner (Wisconsin-LaCrosse) also won the Division III championship, and they were close to us and North Dakota State," said head men's coach Rich

Alsop.

Last year, the Bearcats finished third with 115.5 points compared to North Dakota State's 127.5 points and Wisconsin-LaCrosse's 144.

Returning individual champions for the Bearcats include sophomore Pat Jordan and junior Jamaica Rector.

Jordan won last year's high jump, and Rector took the long jump crown with a jump of 24 feet, 5.5 inches.

"I expect several of our kids to do well Saturday against some good competition," said Alsop.

The Truman State women will try to defend their team championship while the Bearcat women look to improve on last year's meet.

The Bearcat women scored 44.5 team points to finish ninth while Truman State won the meet with 109.5 points.

Pole vaulter Jenny

Simmons, who is coming off of her first place finish at the Alabama Relays, will lead the women.

Field events will start at 10 a.m. with the men's javelin and women's hammer throw. Track events begin at 10:30 a.m. with the women's 100-meter dash preliminaries.

Northwest will also host the MIAA heptathlon/decathlon on April 26 and 27.

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Hounds tennis

The 'Hounds tennis team kicked off their season Monday. For results and a look at the upcoming tennis season, turn to page 3B.



Hounds baseball

The Maryville baseball team took part in the Excelsior Springs tournament over the weekend. A make-up game was played Monday. Turn to page 2B to find out how the team did against Benton.



Northwest tennis

Both tennis teams are staying busy. Both the men and women played host to William Jewel Tuesday. For results and story on this week's home matches, turn to page 3B.

HAIL TO THE VICTOR

CLARK GRELL
SPORTS EDITOREditor has no hope
for Roy's Jayhawks

The Final Four is this Saturday, and I'm going to just come out and say it: Kansas will choke.

Plain and simple.

When March rolls around (in this case, April), it's almost a sure thing, Kansas will not be the team cutting down the nets and standing tall over all other 64 teams that entered the NCAA Tournament.

Yeah, yeah, they beat Duke in the Sweet 16 and then knocked off one of the favorites to win the tournament in Arizona.

Up next for the Jayhawks are the Marquette Golden Eagles. Some might think this team is mild compared to the Arizonas and Dukes of the college basketball world.

But sure enough, the Eagles will knock off the Jayhawks. If not them, then it will be the Texas Longhorns or Syracuse Orangemen.

I guess I could be a little bitter after last season. I penciled in Kansas to take it all last year, and sure enough, I did not learn my lesson. A whacking courtesy of the Maryland Terrapins, and the Jayhawks were out. I vowed to never pick Kansas to win ever in the March Madness tournament.

Do not get me wrong. I want to see Kansas in the championship game come Monday. The matchup most of us Big XII fans want is a Kansas/Texas matchup.

But losing in the Final Four should be the least of worries for Kansas fans. Once again, the North Carolina head coaching job is open, and Roy Williams has got to be on top of their list.

One has got to think if Kansas (and they won't) that Williams will probably give up and trade his Jayhawk dark blue for Carolina blue.

After all, if (I mean when) Williams's boys lose this weekend, you'll have to wonder if he can take any more. The frustration of losing and losing (and losing) year in and year out is getting to Williams. If you don't believe me, look at his hair. He's getting grayer every year.

Losing in the Sweet 16 to Rhode Island a few years back was frustrating for Williams. But nothing is worse than getting so close to the national title like Kansas has these last couple of years.

Let's face it, Kansas had the best team in the country last year. Sure, there were Juan Dixon and Maryland, but no team was more fundamentally sound and talented than the Kansas squad that was put together for last year's run.

These great Kansas squads are put together, yet Williams cannot get the job done.

So do not get too cheerful this weekend, Jayhawk fans. Not only will history probably repeat itself (and it will), but you are going to have another battle on your hands. And it's no team in New Orleans right now. It's that school on Tobacco Road.

SOFTBALL from 1B

Lady Blues blank Bearcats in game two

Freshman Lindsey Stephenson reached base on an error and that was followed by a single by senior Kelly Carter. Two batters later, Spring lifted the Bearcats to victory with her four-run blast.

"You got that last at bat," head coach Susan Punzo said. "You never say die. Hit the ball hard and look for your pitches, and that's what we finally did in the seventh inning."

Despite six errors in game one, the Bearcats were able to find a way to contain the Washburn bats and pick up their 13th win of the season.

"I think for both teams, defensively, it wasn't the prettiest game ever," Punzo said. "We both had plenty of errors. Anytime you end up having six errors in one game and come back to win is huge."

Sophomore pitcher Jacqui Handlos picked up her ninth win of the season. She allowed only one earned run and allowed just five hits in seven innings of work.

The Lady Blues left nine runners stranded in the loss.

The Bearcats were unable to carry the momentum of game one into game two. The Ichabods, behind the pitching of Ashley Perkins, prevailed to a 3-0 shutout of the Bearcats. Perkins gave the Bearcat batters fits, striking out nine.

Northwest produced only four hits in their 10th loss of the season.

"I think (Perkins) threw a little bit

MIAA Standings		
Team	MIAA	Overall
Emporia State	2-0	19-7
Truman	2-0	15-7
Northwest	3-1	13-10
Pitt State	1-1	18-13
Missouri Southern	2-2	14-12
Central Mo. State	2-2	14-13
Missouri-Rolla	1-1	10-13
Southwest Baptist	2-2	3-15
Washburn	1-3	19-17
Missouri Western	0-4	9-19

harder and found her spots," Punzo said. "We struggled with the change-up more than we did in the first game. That came back to haunt us."

Carter was two for two with two singles and a walk. Northwest's three through seven hitters combined to go one for 17.

One bright spot for the Bearcats in game two came in the second inning. Washburn's Katie Billington lined a hit to John, who started a triple play to get sophomore pitcher Shelly MacDonald out of a jam.

SOFTBALL NOTES

THREE SHUTOUTS, THREE WINS - The Bearcats hosted the Bearcat Classic last weekend. Because of weather, the invitational was shortened to one day. The weather did not stop the Bearcats on Sunday. Northwest picked up three shutout wins over South Dakota State University (5-0),



Sophomore infielder Tara Risetter celebrates her sixth inning solo homerun with fellow members of the Bearcat team. The homerun got the Bearcats on the scoreboard for the first time in the game, but it was junior Megan Spring's homerun that gave the Bearcats the 5-4 win.

University of Nebraska-Kearney (4-0) and Central Missouri State University (3-0). Handlos picked up two wins on the day while MacDonald picked up the other.

NIMMO OUT FOR REMAINDER OF SEASON - Despite a successful weekend, a dark cloud loomed over the team late in the win over Central. On the last play of the game, second baseman Tara Risetter collided with

junior shortstop Melissa Nimmo. Nimmo tore her ACL, MCL, PCL, LCL and her meniscus.

"It's a big loss," Punzo said. "She is a great leader on the field and is very vocal. Yes, we are going to miss that, but we have players that are going to step up."

In the split with Washburn, Risetter was moved from second base to shortstop, and John was inserted as

the second baseman.

TWO PLAYERS EARN WEEKLY HONORS - Handlos received the MIAA's award for Pitcher of the Week for her efforts in the Bearcat Classic.

Spring was also honored for her efforts in the Bearcat Classic. She received the MIAA's weekly honor for Hitter of the Week.

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DEFENSE from 1B

Last season's top defense in MIAA has holes to fill in 2003

Tiehen and Lacy saw action in 13 and 12 games respectively.

Although the 'Cats lose veteran secondary members free safety Ryan Miller and cornerback Marcel Smith, Tjeerdma is optimistic about this group.

"If everybody does what they need to do, we could be better in the secondary than we were a year ago," Tjeerdma said.

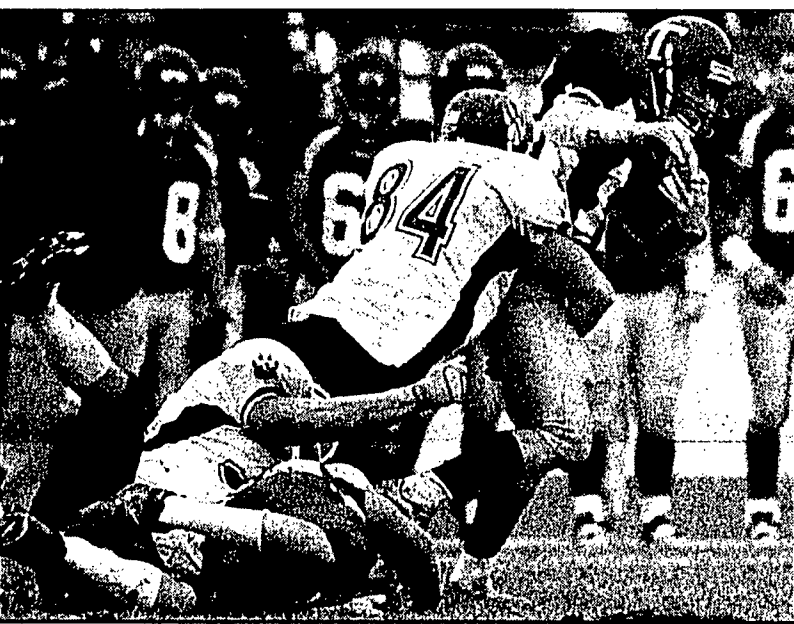
With all-MIAA first-team cornerback Daryl Ridley sitting out spring practice because he is going part time this semester, it has given the younger, more inexperienced corners some practice time.

Ridley is going part time so he has enough full-time semesters left to keep him eligible for next season.

One group that will not have much talk about inexperience this spring is the linebackers. The group returns juniors John Edmonds and Andy Cregar, sophomore Chad Bostwick, and redshirt freshmen Heath Finch and Troy Thysdahl.

The group combined to make 26 percent of the total tackles the defense made overall.

PRACTICE NOTES: The team will hold a scrimmage in full pads



Junior-to-be Mike Tiehen (No. 84) will be looked upon to fill the void left by Mike Sunderman. Sunderman was one of six defensive starters to graduate after the Bearcat's 12-1 season last fall.

on Thursday afternoon at Rickenbrode Stadium. The injury bug has caused some problems for the 'Cats this spring. With Sean Shafar sitting out spring ball with neck problems, the only fullbacks that had playing experience were

sophomore Darren Roberts and junior Bart Hardy. But Roberts suffered an injury in Monday's practice, and Hardy has an injured ankle.

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'Hounds win 2-1
in pitching duel

By BRIAN JOHNSON
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

In baseball, winning the close games is what separates the bad teams from good teams. Last Monday, the Maryville Spoofhounds hoped they separated themselves from the bad teams by beating the Benton Cardinals 2-1 in a hard-fought victory.

The game was an old-fashioned pitching duel, which saw Maryville's three senior pitchers Nick Davis, Colin Wilmes and Ryan VanSickle matched Benton's pitchers for seven innings.

"Pitching was excellent," head coach Brian Lohafer said. "All three of our seniors pitched great."

For five innings, Benton's home crowd witnessed a solid pitched game until the bottom of the sixth inning when Benton shortstop B.J. Brown hit a single, scoring center fielder Justin McCarthy to make the score 1-0.

Even though the 'Hounds were down late in the game, they still found a way to

come back.

"They never gave up," Lohafer said. "We were never worried about losing the game."

Being down by one run in the seventh inning, 'Hounds pitcher/second basemen, Davis hit a long double scoring Marc and Mike Meade to put the 'Hounds up 2-1.

The rest was up to VanSickle, who struck-out two batters in the seventh to end the game.

Even though everything is happy in the town of Maryville, hitting is still a concern.

While the 'Hounds had 12 hits, they still left seven batters on base, which could leave a coach a bit frustrated.

"We hit the ball, but not when we needed runs," Lohafer said. "We're going to address it in practice and it will work itself out."

Next for the 'Hounds is a conference game against Lafayette. First pitch is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. on Thursday.

"We don't know much about them," Lohafer said. "They do have a good pitcher and if we see him it will be a good game."

BASEBALL from 1B

Northwest Bearcats defeat Lincoln University 8-4 in game two despite falling behind early

After falling behind 2-0 early, senior Kaleb May came on in relief for fellow senior Edgar Jones.

In the third, Northwest saw seniors Willie Ciaramataro and Mike Ruff score.

With May on the mound, the Bearcats caught fire and posted four runs in the Bearcat's half of the fourth. Senior Michael French got the rally started with a single through the left side. Whitt was able to knock in

French with a double down the line. Later in the inning, Whitt would score, as would Ruff. Sipes stole home to give Northwest the 6-2 lead.

Lincoln made a late run but got no closer than four as the Bearcats

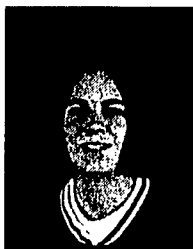
came away with an 8-4 win.

Mike Ruff led the team with three runs scored, all of which came after being hit by three pitches.

"I don't know whether they were intentional or not," Ruff said. "I sort

of crowd the plate though, so I have to expect to get hit every once in a while. I look at it as taking one for the team. The way I figure, if I get hit three times, that's three times we get guys on base."

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



Megan Spring

The junior from Warsaw, Mo. hit the game-winning grand slam in the Bearcat's 5-4 win over Washburn Tuesday. She was also named MIAA hitter of the week.

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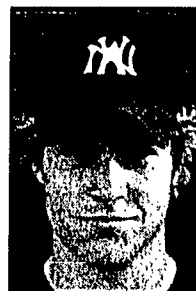
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Wilmes pitched the Hounds to a victory over Benton Monday, part of the Excelsior Springs Tournament. The Hounds won the game 2-1.



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Team will rely on youth for success

By CLARK GRELL
SPORTS EDITOR

The Maryville boys' tennis team will look to make more improvements during the 2003 campaign. However, they will need to do so this season with only two seniors and a number of junior varsity players who are making a run to compete on the varsity squad.

It is a team that consists of not one dominant player but a squad with a lot of youth that will look to improve. The team will rely on the leadership of seniors Kellen Neilson and Anthony Steins to lead the 15-man roster.

"There is not one person to point out in particular," head coach Rob Vearsey said. "This team is at least at the level they left off last season which is both good and

bad."

The 'Hounds will look to their youth to top last year's eighth place finish in the Midland Empire Conference. The 'Hounds had players finish as high as fifth place in some divisions.

Vearsey said the team has to make many improvements to compete with the conference's best teams.

"We've got to continue to work hard to get better," he said. "The JV has made a lot of improvement from last season. We might even have a couple of the JV guys that might be able to make it onto the top six lineup."

On Monday, the 'Hounds lost to Savannah 7-2 in the team's first action of the season.

The team prevailed in one match in singles play and another in doubles play.

Despite the loss, Vearsey said there

2003 Home Matches

April 8 LeBlond
April 10 Benton
April 14 Cameron
April 22 Lafayette
April 28 Savannah
May 6 Clarinda Ia.

were some positives that came out of the match.

"We had a couple matches that could have gone either way," he said. "It was what I expected in the first match. Usually, you have the first-match jitters and the guys don't know where their game stands."

The 'Hounds will travel to Lafayette Thursday before playing their first home match Tuesday against LeBlond.

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'Hounds pick up first win over Platte County

By COLE YOUNG
Assistant sports Editor

The Maryville girls' soccer team picked up their first win of the year after defeating Platte County on the road Tuesday.

The 'Hounds picked up the 2-1 win thanks to two goals by senior Carol Sutton.

Last Thursday, the 'Hounds played to a 2-2 draw against Belton in the Excelsior Springs tourney.

"I'm pleased with the way they are performing," head coach Bayo Oludaja said. "They are trying a different system than they are used to from last year. They seemed to do better with it yesterday."

One thing Oludaja did say was that

the team needs to improve on their speed. While the team has good speed on the front lines, the defenders may run into trouble when facing quicker forwards.

In addition to team speed, the coach stressed that the fundamentals still leave room for improvement.

"While the game is going on," Oludaja said, "it is important that we work on making better passes."

A main key to the early success of the 'Hounds is the overall attitude of the girls on the squad.

"When I met them," Oludaja said, "I could tell they had a good attitude. They are willing to make adaptations to what they already know, which makes things a lot

easier."

The junior varsity squad also got off to a good start by picking up a win over Platte County 3-1. The 'Hounds saw a balanced scoring attack from Dana DeMott, Michelle Fink and Sarah Welch.

Coming up for the 'Hounds is a matchup today against LeBlond and a match next Tuesday against Auburn (Neb.).

"I don't really know much about either of these teams," Oludaja said. "A girl on the team that played last year said Auburn is a really good team, so that should be a good test for us."

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FAN PLAN							
	TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Northwest baseball			Missouri Southern (DH) 1 p.m.	Missouri Southern Noon			Washburn (DH) 1 p.m.
Northwest softball	Park (DH) 1 p.m.		Southwest Baptist (DH) 1 p.m.	Missouri-Rolla (DH) Noon		CMSU (DH) 2:30 p.m.	
Northwest track & field			Northwest Invitational				
Northwest tennis			Northeastern Tourney (DH) 1 p.m.		Washburn 3 p.m.	Rockhurst 3 p.m.	
Maryville baseball	Lafayette 4:30 p.m.	LeBlond 4:30 p.m.				Savannah 4:30 p.m.	
Maryville girls' soccer	LeBlond 4:30 p.m.					Auburn Neb. 4:30 p.m.	
Maryville track & field	Nebraska City Invite					Shelbourn Invite	
Maryville boys' tennis	Lafayette 4:30 p.m.					LeBlond 4:30 p.m.	

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Sophomore J.J. Mulwanda goes after a ball in his match Tuesday against William Jewell. Mulwanda won his match (6-2, 6-1). Northwest defeated the Cardinals 8-1. The women also picked up a victory in impressive fashion, 9-0. Both teams are in action this weekend.

'Cats pick up pair of non-conference wins

By BILL KNUST
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Northwest men's and women's teams continued to dominate their opponents.

The women won all of their matches including a dominating 9-0 victory over William Jewell Tuesday.

With the dominating play came another honor for the women's team. The MIAA might want to think about renaming the MIAA Player of the Week award in women's tennis to the Northwest Player of the Week.

For the third time in four weeks a Bearcat women's tennis player brought home the award. This time it was women's player Rosa Tapia.

Tapia finished the week 3-0 in singles play and 4-0 in doubles play with No. 1 doubles partner Adriana Hernandez.

Tapia had a big win over rival Truman State when she won her No. 1 singles match against Truman player Melissa Dudak. The first set was close

with Tapia pulling out the 7-5 victory, but she overwhelmed Dudak in the second set winning 6-1.

The win over Truman gives the 'Cats sole possession of first place in the MIAA. The Bulldogs are currently ranked No. 40 in the nation, one notch above the 'Cats.

"They beat us in our first dual last season," Rosewell said. "We beat them the next two times, but I reminded them of that."

The men's team has a big conference match against rival and No. 15 ranked Southwest Baptist University Saturday. Baptist defeated No. 1 Drury last weekend.

"I hope we come out and compete," Rosewell said. "The guys know they have a difficult task ahead."

The 'Cats have won the last two MIAA titles with Baptist taking runner-up honors. Last season's MIAA Championship came down to the last match between both teams.

In that match, Northwest's No. 1 doubles team of Jon Sanchez and

WOMEN

Northwest 9, William Jewell 0

Singles
1. Rosa Tapia (NW) defeated Ashley Roussel 6-4, 6-1
2. Adriana Hernandez (NW) defeated Laura Curry 6-3, 6-2
3. Gena Lindsey (NW) defeated Stephanie Kowal 6-0, 6-2
4. Sara Lipira (NW) defeated Jamie Griffin 6-1, 6-0
5. Raven Harner (NW) defeated Stephanie Bach 6-1, 6-0
6. Nicole Berger (NW) defeated Sara Aldermen 6-0, 6-1

Doubles
1. Tapia/Hernandez (NW) defeated Roussel/Curry 8-5
2. Lindsey/Lipira (NW) defeated Kowal/Griffin 8-0
3. Harner/Berger (NW) defeated Bach/Aldermen 8-0

MEN

Northwest 8, William Jewell 1

Singles
1. Jon Sanchez (NW) defeated Carlos Vargas 6-2, 6-0
2. Aaron Douglas (NW) defeated Lander Panera 6-4, 7-5
3. Gena Sanchez (NW) defeated Jared Douglas 6-1, 6-1
4. JJ Mulwanda (NW) defeated Drew Osbourne 6-2, 6-1
5. Jarrod Smith (NW) defeated Jeff Johnson 6-3, 6-0
6. Derek Kedigh (NW) defeated Andrew Newell 6-1, 6-2

Doubles
1. Sanchez/Smith (NW) defeated Vargas/Johnson 8-6
2. G. Sanchez/Panera (NW) defeated A. Douglas/Newell 8-3
3. Mulwanda/Kedigh (NW) defeated Osbourne/Douglas 9-8

Jarrod Smith, then playing No. 2 doubles, pulled out the victory.

If the 'Cats could pull off the victory, it would be their first victory over an opponent ranked in the top 32 this season.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

'Hound named All-State

Senior basketball standout David Akins has been named to the Missouri Sportswriters and Broadcasters Class 3 all-state squad.

Akins, named to the second team, led Maryville in scoring this season with over 18 points per game.

He also shot 48 percent from beyond the arc and shot from 50 percent from the field.

The senior also set the school record with 91 three-pointers during his senior campaign.

"He was very important to us this season," head coach Mike Kuwitzky said. "He had an outstanding season and was a dangerous outside threat."

Akins has had several schools show interest in him including Central Methodist College, Ottawa University and William Jewell.

Bearcats pick up transfer

Northwest women's basketball head coach Gene Steinmeyer has announced the addition of Meghan Blay.

Blay played for the University of Missouri-Kansas City this season where she saw action in 15 games.

In high school, she helped lead a Shawnee Mission Northwest squad to a third place finish during her senior year.

Blay will be a sophomore next season.

Northwest boasts MIAA Athletes of the Week

Four Northwest athletes were named MIAA Athletes of the Week.

Senior Brett Rust topped the list after throwing a no-hitter against Truman State University on Sunday.

Sophomore softball pitcher Jacqui Handlos was also named to the list after throwing 22 scoreless innings.

Fellow softball player Megan Spring was also named MIAA Hitter of the Week.

Junior Rosa Tapia picked up the honor for the tennis team after going 3-0 in No. 1 singles and 4-0 in No. 1 doubles.

Your Man takes on campus vanity

So it's Monday afternoon, this week's 350 words of potty-mouthed fun is more than a couple days late, and your Stroller stares at the flickering computer screen in Colden Hall, once again baffled as to what to ramble about, but, you know, still not really caring.

Just when I'm about to write about something stupid (a close call indeed), the smell of sweet relief envelops Your Man's olfactory unit in the form of charred hamburgers and stale Hy-Vee potato chips.

Holy Jeez. The fake sincerity worked. I have been accepted into heaven.

So, much resembling Wimpy, everyone's favorite tubby mooch from the old-school Popeye cartoons, I float toward the blissful scent of free food and join the line of fellow students for the one positive aspect of the well-meant joke we call Northwest Week.

As I patiently and quietly stand in line waiting for a chunk of pink-in-the-middle bliss to finally call my own, Your Man can't help but overhear conversations from those in line who are fortunate enough to have someone as equally dumb with whom to share their earth-shattering trivialities, which apparently aren't so trivial.

So I stand and listen to various snippets of beyond intellectual conversation ranging from how, ahem, "off the hook" spring break in South Padre was to just how "totally wasted" our alcoholic-in-training freshman hero was in the dorms the previous Saturday. Suddenly, your Stroller's thoughts of contempt and awe screech to a standstill upon hearing the



The Stroller

million-dollar question from the apparent ringleader of the horde of bottle-blondes standing three bodies ahead of me in line.

"I shouldn't be eating this, should I? Do you think I'm getting fat?"

Your Man can't believe it. This chick, coincidentally sucking on a calorie-saturated bottled water, has got to be a size—well, since sweatpants and Zubaz are the only forms of pants familiar to your Stroller—um, small. Seriously, this girl is beyond dainty, and Your Man has the feeling the last piece of food near her mouth was on its way out promptly after lunch at the Union.

I found myself suddenly barraged with questions inside my own head. Why does she even bother to ask this? She has to be aware of her skinniness, which she has certainly reached beyond wack proportions. Does she really need the affirmation from her fellow hens that she is, albeit a waif, gorgeous by today's standards? Doubt it. She already knows it.

So, Your Man can't help it. I have to do it. While some may consider it evil, or straight-up retarded, I consider

it a small victory for my own regular soda-drinking, future-McDonald's-suing kind. Before her crew can quickly deny the preposterous thought of adipose tissue anywhere on her body, here goes nothin'.

"You betcha, girlfriend," I practically scream. "Gettin' a little soft in the middle, there!"

It's as if slow-motion has taken over the world as she whips around and glares at me with eyes so cold they could send spring back into hiding.

"I DON'T recall asking YOU." She retorts, accentuating each word in a dialect that could pass for Valley girl or Johnson County.

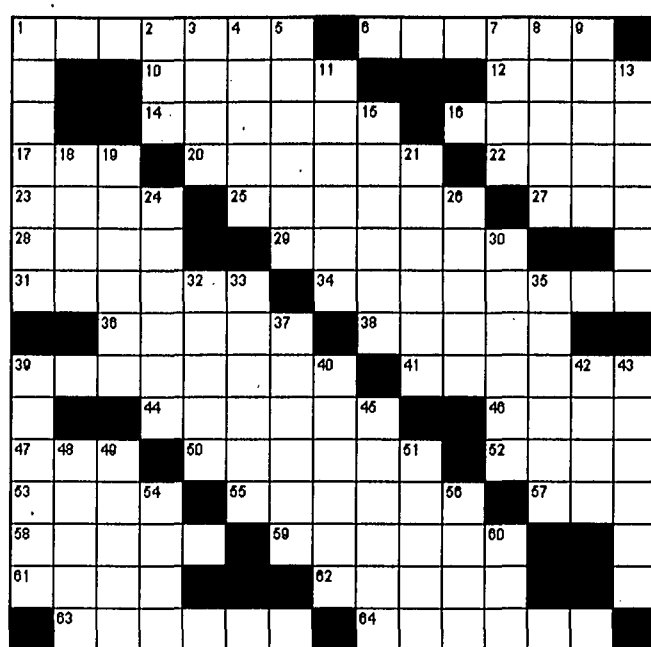
I say nothing, instead opting only to smile. She snorts, turns around, and promptly forgets about a loser such as myself. It's best for the both of us.

I have no regrets regarding my small battle against the conceited. In fact, by offending her, I feel, if only for a moment, like the victor in a war I'll never win. However, if I can teach one more person in this world not to seek answers they already know, great. Saves some of my time, even though she never asked me in the first place anyway, did she?

Oh well, screw it. It's too often in this world that people ask for opinions, seeking only the answer that suits them. It's dumb and pointless. Your Stroller knows this. Ever notice how I don't ask for your feedback, Dear Reader? I already know the answer to that question.

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WEEKLY CROSSWORD



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6. Like an arrow
10. Annoyed
12. Hit hard
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16. Finely ground meal of grain
17. Russian secret police
20. Chewer
22. Annoyed
23. Afflicts
25. Branchiate
27. Not many
28. Lady Jane
29. Satellite for navigation
31. Pass by
34. Animal

Down

36. Young boy or girl
38. Bind anew
39. Learned persons
41. Renovates
44. Observe
46. Affectedly dainty
47. Eccentric
50. Cuts off
52. The Destroyer
53. Dweb
55. Fineness measure
57. Cardinal number
58. Arab leaders
59. Cook again
61. Deal out

15. Researcher
18. Female child
19. Remove the color from
21. One in repose
24. Tube to drain from higher to lower vessel
26. Italian poet
30. Pollutes
32. Grain stores
33. Overjoyed
35. Lapwing
37. Chauffeur
39. Drunk
40. Views
42. We have
43. Sitting
45. Heaths
48. Demobilization
49. Baldly
51. Capital of South Korea
54. Sketched
56. Routine
60. New Zealand parrot

on the edge

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■ When actress Delta Burke competed at the Miss America Pageant as Miss Florida in 1974, she told reporters that she'd been named after her mother's "goofy" cat, Delta, who liked to chase dogs and swim in the ocean.

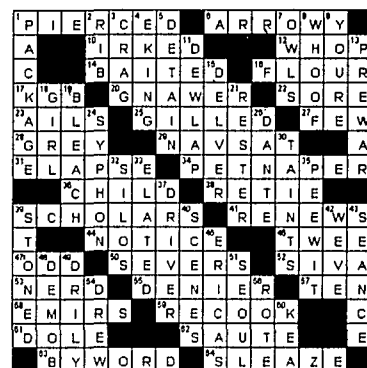
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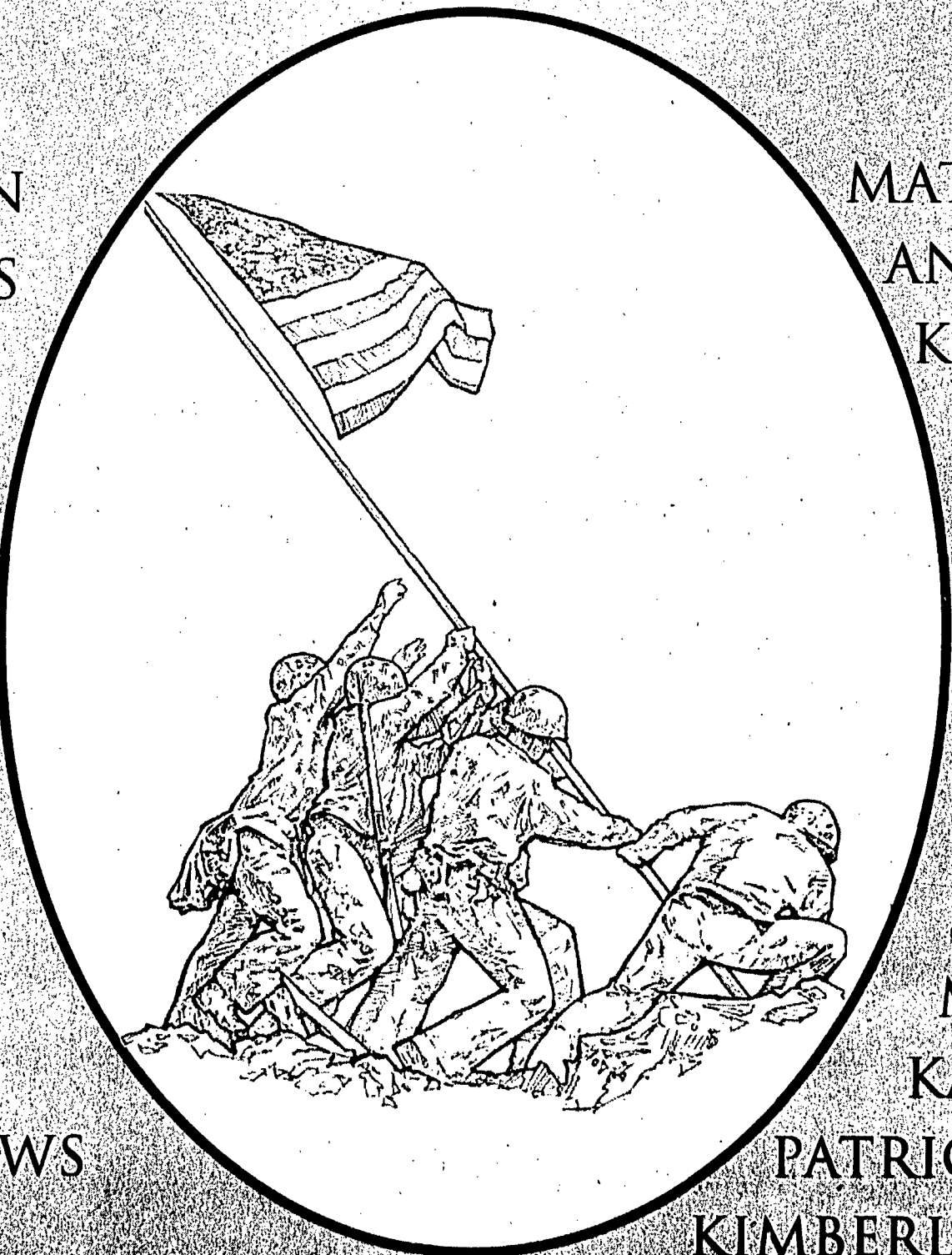
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